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In re patent application of:

Elischewski, et al.

Appl. No.: 09/680,310

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For: **Process for the Preparation of
Pantothenic Acid by Amplification of
Nucleotide Sequences Which Code for
Ketopantoate Reductase**

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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Amendments

In the Specification:

Please amend page 12 of the specification, paragraph from line5 to line 14 to read as follows:

-- The following microorganisms have been deposited at the Deutsche Sammlung fur Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen (DSMZ=German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Braunschweig, Germany) in accordance with the Budapest Treaty:

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252.00 0P
280.00 0P
- Escherichia coli K12 strain FE5 as DSM12378 on August 18, 1998
 - Escherichia coli K12 strain MG1655/pFE32 as DSM12413 on September 16, 1998
 - Escherichia coli K12 strain MG1655/FE65 as DSM12382 on August 18, 1998
 - Escherichia coli K12 strain MG1655/FE80 as DSM12414 on September 16, 1998
 - Escherichia coli K12 strain FE6 as DSM12379 on August 18, 1998
 - Escherichia coli K12 strain FE7 as DSM12380 on August 18, 1998 --